MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I want to know whether they could be shown to the members of this House.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The minutes consist of about 200 pages of type-written matter. I daresay the members of the Committee would have perused the minutes before they submitted the report. Even now, there is no objection to any of the members coming and seeing them in the Council Secretary's office.

Corruption among Officers.

82. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*)

(*a*) Are the Government aware that bribery and other irregularities on the part of the officers in several departments are generally on the increase and that consequently the people are being put to much loss and hardship?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to issue stringent instructions to all superior officers to enquire into the matter during their circuits and to put an end to the hardships of the people?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of officers on Rs. 15 and above punished by Government for bribery within the past five years, the departments to which they belonged and the nature of the punishments awarded?

(*d*) If the Government are not now in a position to detect and punish corrupt officers not only on account of the indifference of the superior officers but also on account of the inadequacy of the existing rules, will the Government be pleased immediately to take steps for mending matters?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Superior officers will enquire if specific cases are brought to their notice.

(*c*) No cases of bribery have come up before Government during the past five years.

(*d*) The existing rules relating to enquiries into the conduct of public servants do not need revision at present.

Receipts under Tolls, Kuthakapattam, etc., during 1095 to 1099.

83. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement for the years 1095 to 1099 showing the receipts of each of the P. W. Divisions under the following items:—

(*a*) the amount received by the Government under tolls;

(*b*) the amount received under *kuthakapattam*; and

(*c*) the amount realised from the auction sale of fish in Sirkar tanks, from auction sales as per survey reports, and from other items?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* detailing the information asked for is laid on the table.

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